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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A. YAMAMOTO, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 30, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.